



from Fr. Nicholas

Living Under Her Veil in an Anxious Age

"The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness" is an insightful book that examines how the environments in which we live are shaping both young people and adults, often intensifying fear, comparison, isolation, distraction and instability.

It explores the consequences of a phone-centered childhood, the pressures of social media, the loss of unstructured play and the growing tendency to live virtually rather than through meaningful face-to-face relationships.

Beneath these modern patterns lies a deeper human struggle: the anxiety that comes when we live apart from trusting communion with God, our neighbor and the physical world around us.

An anxious heart becomes restless and scattered, continually worrying, seeking control and trying to protect itself from the countless fears and uncertainties of life.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication" (Philippians 4:6). But how do we learn to live this way?

This month, we celebrate the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, Holy Skepi (Αγία Σκεπη) - the covering or veil of the

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Our Journey - Project Mexico 2026 by Andria Pihos

A small (but mighty!) team from Holy Apostles—consisting of Kosta Vatiannou, Andria Pihos and Norm Pomrening—embarked on Project Mexico this past summer.

Project Mexico is an Orthodox Christian nonprofit organization that is dedicated to transforming lives through service, shelter, and faith.

During this experience we had a singular, tangible goal: to build a safe and secure home for a family in need near Rosarito, Mexico.

An added bonus of our trip was spending some time with the boys at St. Innocent's Orphanage, as well as experiencing some fun and fellowship with Orthodox Christians from all over the United States.

For the build experience, our group joined a larger party of about 20 people,



and together we accomplished what initially seemed like a daunting task.

Over the course of four workdays, we leveled and readied the home site; mixed, poured and floated a foundation; framed the walls of the house; installed a door, windows, and a roof; applied two layers of stucco; and finally painted the house a bright and cheerful shade of blue!

The physical labor was demanding, requiring a coordinated effort from the larger group. Each of us fell into a natural rhythm, guided by the experience and know-how of our site leaders.

As a previous participant, Norm brought a necessary degree of practical knowledge

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Project Mexico 2026 *(continued)*

and work ethic that kept the group moving forward. Andria kept busy shoveling more rocks than she ever thought possible, as well as drilling, stuccoing and painting the days away.

Kosta was the true driver of the group bringing his incredible enthusiasm and willingness to learn all that he could possibly absorb about building a house.

One of the highlights of the build week for Kosta lay in the incredible community of high school and college volunteers who came together from all over the United States.

For him the most profound part of the journey wasn't just about building a physical structure, but also about building relationships with other Orthodox young adults. Working side-by-side in the dirt, sharing communal meals, and spending evenings

interacting with some of the boys from St. Innocent's Orphanage resulted in a bond that bypassed the usual social barriers of teenage life.

It was also especially fun for him to use his Spanish fluency at the local taco stand and the neveria, assisting others to order food and ice cream!

On the final day, we stood before the completed house, a physical testament to what we had achieved by putting our faith into action.

A family, consisting of a mother and her two children, now had a roof over their heads. **We left Project Mexico with tired muscles, but full hearts.**



BACK
TO
SCHOOL
BLESSING



Living Under Her Veil *(continued)*

Mother of God. Most Orthodox churches celebrate this feast on October 1, while the Greek Orthodox Church observes it on October 28, coinciding with Oxi Day.

This is a feast especially meaningful for all who struggle with uncertainty, grief, conflict, illness, financial concerns, family burdens, fear of the future and the constant weight of anxiety.

The feast does not ask us to deny danger or pretend that we should never be afraid. Rather, it reveals something far deeper and more comforting: **even in the midst of our fear, we are never alone.**

The feast recalls the vigil at the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople, where the people had gathered to pray during a time of crisis.

Epiphanius, saw the Theotokos entering the church in heavenly glory, surrounded by angels and saints. **The Mother of God prayed for the people, spreading her veil over those gathered as a sign of her maternal intercession and protection from visible and invisible enemies.**

Panagia does not stand far away, watching human pain indifferently. She is our mother and prays for us. The Theotokos stood at the Cross and knew the sword of sorrow - fleeing with Joseph and the Child Jesus into Egypt, watching her beloved Son rejected, mocked, crucified and buried. **She knows the pain of carrying sorrow.**

Anxiety often begins innocently with the desire to keep our loved ones safe - to prevent loss, predict what will happen next and prepare for every possible danger.

We want enough information, savings, strength and planning to ensure that nothing goes wrong. Anxiety whispers, "If I think about this enough, I can control it." Or, "If I rehearse every possible disaster, I will be prepared." Ultimately it tells us, "You are alone. Everything depends on you."

Faith returns us to the present: What does God ask of me now? What burden must I place in His hands now?

The Veil of the Theotokos is not a magical shield guaranteeing that we will never suffer. Saints and the Theotokos herself suffered. **We are not promised escape from every trial - but are given something greater:** no trial has the final word over us, because Christ has conquered death.

Panagia protects us by leading us to her Son. Every true prayer to the Theotokos ends with Christ. When we sing, "Most Holy Theotokos, save us," we are not separating her from Christ - but ask her to intercede before the Savior to help us repent, strengthen our faith, shelter us by her prayers and bring us closer to the mercy of her Son. Christ saves. The Theotokos prays, covers, intercedes and directs us to Him!

"O Virgin, we sing praises of the gifts of your protection, which you have extended like a bright cloud ineffably, invisibly protecting us your flock" (Apolytikion of the Feast).

With love in Christ,

+ Fr. Nicholas

Fight4Fiss



On Sunday, August 30, 2026 our Holy Apostles family came together to help one of our own. Christopher "Fiss" McKay is a 20 year old resident of Wheaton and a member of our parish.

He is bravely fighting Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML) and urgently needs a stem cell transplant for a chance of a cure.

After Liturgy on August 30, our parishioners between the ages of 18 to 35 volunteered to be tested to aid Christopher.

For those who were unable to attend, register online TEXT Fight4Fiss to 61474 and have your kit mailed to your home.

Swab at home: once you receive your kit, complete the cheek swab and return it using the prepaid envelope provided.



While donors with similar ancestry may offer the best chance of finding a match, anyone could be Christopher's match.



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Tuesday, October 13
1 PM - Philoptochos Room

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Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions.
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Holy Apostles Men's Ministry

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Coffee & Light Breakfast Served

Children in the Loft



The Children in the Loft program resumes on
Sunday, October 25. The invitation is for all Sunday
School students 3rd through 8th grades and is a
wonderful opportunity to participate in the Divine
Liturgy with the senior choir. Loft space is limited
to 15 students. Please respond to Bette Schieber at
loft@holypostleschurch.com to confirm attendance
and with any questions.

Future dates:

November 15	March 14
January 31	April 18
February 28	May 16

Share the Warmth

Month of October - Multi-Purpose Room



Philoptochos will collect gently used, clean coats for men, women, and children throughout the month of October.

Please leave the coats on hangers on the racks in the multi-purpose room (opposite the kitchen). The coats will be donated to worthy organizations:

The youth coats will be donated to **Warm Coats for Kool Kids**, located in Elmhurst, Illinois and will serve families in the western suburbs of Chicago.

Adult coats will be donated to **Repeat Boutique**, a Christian, non-denominational, all-volunteer service ministry providing clothing and practical household goods to those in need.

Coats will also be donated to the **Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans** and **Elmhurst University Career Closet**. For further questions, please contact Debbie Chiganos at debchig@att.net or Laura Pepke at laurapepke@gmail.com.

Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 14.

Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene.

Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators.

High school students are encouraged to sign up to be assistants.

Information will be mailed to all Sunday School students in mid-October with complete details of rehearsals and forms to register to participate.

Even if you signed up on an online form, please return the paperwork.

Non-registered youth are welcome to perform. These forms will also be available at church. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, November 1 when parts will be assigned.

An informational table will be set up in the multipurpose room on October 18 and October 25 for registration as well. Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, with any additional questions or for more information at: christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com or call/text 630-640-5811.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 20 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ACTING SECRETARY: STEVE MILAK EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

President Jim Maragos called the meeting to order. Father George led the opening prayer.

The Mission Statement was recited. Bill Leider moved to approve the July 16, 2026 Parish Council Minutes. Sandy Pihos seconded the motion. Motion passed. Correspondence was reported from Holy Taxiarchi & St. Haralambos Church 75 year anniversary. Hodges and Loizzi legal summary per Vanessa Clohessy's services, Metropolis of Chicago statement that the church is in good standing for all Metropolis and Archdiocesan commitments, HAPA Police Fundraiser for slain Chicago Police Officer John Bartholomew. Fr. George shared a video about how to greet first time visitors so they feel welcome and want to come back to the church. The video focused on seven natural habits.

Ministries

Financial reports: George Antonopoulos shared the financial report. A highlight was that the stewardship was ahead of budget by around \$100,000. Trays and Candles collections were a little under budget. Overspent on flowers, food in meetings, and some of the ministries. Golf Outing expenses were thousands of dollars higher than the previous year - by about \$8,000 - the church made less money than last year. Lou Kafkes shared: This was likely due to the higher price of the particular golf course. An additional \$3,600 came in the month of August as well. See the financial report for details. Jim Maragos asked about the Finance Committee meeting for September for working out the 2027 budget. George will get back on a date.

Stewardship: Steve Milak shared the general stewardship report. Brief discussion regarding whether the Stewardship Committee should stand down while the capital campaign is being run by the Winkler Group. Jim Maragos and Norm Pomrening indicated this was the recommendation.

Building and Grounds report: Chris Pepke – A/C update. MOTION (Peter Bell, Sandy Pihos): Move to go to executive session for the Building and Grounds report. Motion passed.

Ushering report: Ted Dres emphasized that PC members need to participate in the ushering schedule. He has tried to accommodate people as best as possible, but needs everyone to rise to the challenge of filling in dates. It was noted that Peter Dimas and Sophia Pappas are carrying a big load for staffing candles during services.

Missions ministry report: Peter Bell shared briefly that the church's Project Mexico mission trip was a success. Norm Pomrening, who went on the trip, shared briefly about the mission.

Norm also mentioned that he has reached out to his four god-children aged 16-64 to let them know they will be on next year's mission.

Old Business

Front office employees: Discussed in Executive Session.

Fundraising Committee report: Jim – 45 Donors were interviewed by Jen Morgan from the Winkler group to get their views about fundraising for the Capital Campaign and the Foundation.

Peter Bell asked Jim Maragos for a clarification of what Phase II entailed. Jim Maragos indicated that it costs \$15,000 per month and that the Winkler group essentially becomes part of the staff helping to move the campaign forward, providing coaching for parish volunteers, and other administrative responsibilities.

Peter Bell asked how long Phase II lasts. Jim Maragos indicated that Phase II lasts until 60% is reached. When 60% is reached the contractual amount to the Winkler group drops to \$12,000 per month. At Phase III the compensation for the Winkler group does not drop, but the solicitation for donations opens to a wider group.

Terry Chiganos indicated concern on voting for the motion tonight as the contract was not passed out to members of the parish council. Jim Maragos indicated the motion would be tabled until the next meeting, which will be a special meeting, before the next parish council meeting. The intended future motion will be to allow the Winkler Group to continue with Phase II at a cost of \$15,000 per month.

Push Pay report: Lou Kafkes shared that Andrea San Luis prepared a report on Push Pay transactions. It was shared that Vanco will likely be deprecated as a payment processor by the end of September. The office is working with recurring donors to migrate to the Push Pay platform, if they so choose. Youth registration was set up on the platform. An app for the church, My

Church, will be unveiled on September 13. Parishioners will be able to put the app on their phone to receive news, updates from the church, and make donations. Lou complimented Andrea for her work with Push Pay. Sandy Pihos raised a question regarding the Fashion Show using Vanco and what that might mean with the Vanco deprecation. Lou indicated it was a soft close date and flexible. The office will work things out.

Safety Committee: Steve Milak/Mike Parafink – Grant update. No update from the State on grant status.

Church Directory report: Lou Kafkes reported the cutoff date for photo submission is September 15. Ginny Petru will help with layout.

Hellenic Academy report: Nicole Ostendorf reported that 70 students registered. Preschool is full at 16 kids

Facility Manager position: Sandy Pihos raised a question - does the church have an interest in sharing a Building and Grounds administrator that is shared between churches? Sandy asked if we may want to put together a Holy Apostles Building & Grounds job description. Chris Pepke indicated he has no personal interest. Sandy Pihos tabled the discussion for now. Fr. Nicholas shared that many churches are doing this and highlighted a recent water issue in the baptistry, how it was difficult to get a hold of Building & Grounds committee members as they were working or on vacation.

New Business

When to advertise for Parish Council Candidates for 2027-2028: Sandy Pihos proposed giving enough time for advertising of Parish Council roles in lieu of the October Parish Assembly and elections on December 6. It was shared that people could be approached directly as well. People generally agreed it's good to start getting information out. Peter Bell offered to help recruit Parish Council candidates with the hope that other Parish Council members would do so also.

Sunday, October 4: Chicago Bears party after Liturgy. Jim Maragos inquired who is chairing this event. Lou Kafkes volunteered to chair the event. The general plan will be a fall fest and watch party.

Fall Festival: See above, it will be combined with the Chicago Bears watch party.

Young Adult League (YAL) Donation Letter: Bill Leider moved and Steve Milak seconded to donate \$1000 to YAL for their yearly February 2027 conference. Motion passed.

Key Dates to remember: Tuesday, September 1: Ecclesiastic New Year; Monday, September 14: Elevation of the Cross Feastday; Thursday, September 17: Parish Council Meeting (7:30 PM); Sunday, October 4: Chicago Bears Watch Party after Liturgy; Saturday, October 17: Philoptochos Fashion Show; Sunday, October 18: Fall Parish Assembly after Liturgy; Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Parish Council entered into Executive Session to discuss front office employee contracts.

The Sacred Stewardship

... Why You Should Serve on the Parish Council

In the life of a Greek Orthodox church, **Holy Apostles is far more than a building—it is a spiritual home, a refuge, and a beacon of Christ's light.**

While our priests lead us spiritually, **the responsibility of sustaining and growing this sacred community rests on all of us.**

One of the most impactful ways to answer this call to action is by serving on the Parish Council.

Serving on the Council is a vital, living ministry of servant leadership. When you step into this role, your relationship with the church transforms from passive membership into active Christian discipleship. Working closely with your parish priests to balance budgets, maintain facilities, and support ministries challenges you to lead with humility, patience, and grace.

Moreover, council members hold the unique privilege of securing the church's future. By overseeing financial stability and cultivating vibrant youth and outreach programs, your stewardship ensures that the next generation will inherit a thriving, welcoming spiritual home.

Every steward possesses unique, God-given talents—whether

in strategic planning, finance, communication, or organizational leadership. **If you have been waiting for the right moment to make a meaningful difference, consider offering your time and heart to the upcoming Parish Council Elections on Sunday, December 6.**

We need your time and talents now. A nominated individual must:

1. Be a communing Orthodox Christian member of Holy Apostles in good standing and current in his/ her financial commitment to Holy Apostles.
2. A prospective member can be nominated at the Parish Assembly on Sunday, October 18 or
3. if not nominated at the Parish Assembly, a prospective member may secure endorsements from three parish members and submit said signed nomination to the President of the Parish Council.

For more information, please contact Peter Bell at dokphoto@yahoo.com

Please consider making a difference.

An Old Face in a New Place

Holy Apostles has welcomed a new staff member to the front office this fall: Jim Tselepis. He's a new face in the office, but has been a face known to Holy Apostles since his baptism.

Jim is our new Associate to the Parish Administrator, Lou Kafkes (Director of Parish Operations). You'll see him in the office between 15-20 hours a week.

Along with Andrea San Luis, they manage the calendar and building-resources for all the sacraments and ministries, as well as tend to the bookkeeping and accounting. They are also available to welcome visitors, answer questions, and generally be the welcoming faces of the parish.

Jim was baptized at Holy Apostles, and grew up attending Sunday School and Greek School. He recalls that he was in Mr. D's first Sunday School class!

While attending boarding school during his high school years, his mother would send Father Bill's sermons on cassette tape.

Graduating from Lake Forest College with a B.A. in English, he continued at The John Marshall Law School. He moved to North Carolina to work for a large law firm before moving back to Chicago to work for the Office of the Chief Judge in a Cook County Child Protection courtroom. "This was the first time I realized how fortunate I was to grow up in a loving family and

have a church. We take so much for granted."

On September 11th he lost his cousin, Billy Tselepis. "It was a wake-up call. We were raised together, only six months apart. And I knew then that there's something more to this life."

After obtaining a masters in English and teaching at the college level, he got married and returned to practicing law with a start-up company. He says, "The years flew by. And here I am!"

He is married to Naomi and has 2 children, Jane and Tommy. "It's an amazing thing to see Tommy in Altar. It's something I wish I had done."

He also teaches 9th and 10th grade Sunday School with Steve Milak and finds it to be the most fun he has all week.

"I'm so blessed to work for this church. In fact, I think it's the first job I've had where I actually look forward to going to work!"



OXI DAY - OCTOBER 28

Shortly after 3:00 am on October 28, 1940, the Italian ambassador to Greece, Emanuele Grazzi, presented an ultimatum to Ioannis Metaxas, Prime Minister of Greece.

Either permit Axis forces to enter and occupy unspecified "strategic locations," or face the prospect of war.

Metaxas is reported to have responded with a single laconic word, *όχι* ("No!").

Following Metaxas's refusal, Italian troops stationed in Albania, which was then an Italian protectorate, attacked the Greek border at 5:30 am, initiating Greece's participation in World War II.

Later that same morning, citizens across Greece, irrespective of political affiliation, took to the streets, shouting "*όχι*" as they marched in protest.

Despite being heavily outnumbered and outgunned, Greek forces pushed back the Italian invasion, handing the Axis powers their first major tactical defeat on land during the war.

The Greek victory over the Italian invasion in late 1940 held immense strategic and psychological significance during World War II:

Shattered Axis Invincibility: It delivered the first major land defeat to the Axis powers in Europe, breaking the illusion of their unstoppable advance.

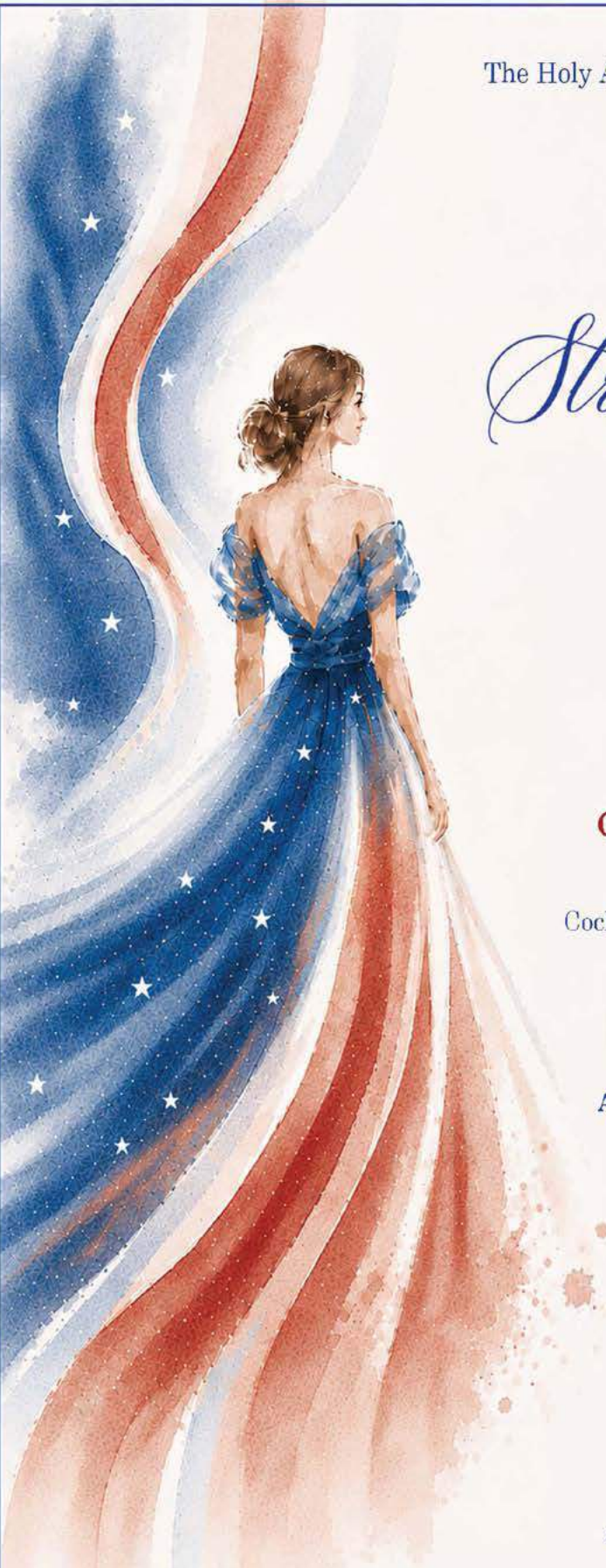
Delayed German Operations: The unexpected Greek counter-offensive forced Adolf Hitler to redirect German forces and delayed the Axis invasion of the Soviet Union by critical weeks.

Secured Strategic Allied Footing: By successfully defending its territory and driving Italian forces back into Albania, Greece secured vital Mediterranean air and naval bases for Britain, preventing Axis control over key maritime supply routes.

As a result, **Oxi Day has been commemorated annually since 1942 on October 28.** In Greece and Cyprus, it is a national public holiday. Those in other countries also commemorate this significant day.



THE STORY OF OXI DAY: <https://youtu.be/KztWUNKCkio>
~ from the OXI Day Foundation



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Luncheon: Noon

Tickets: \$75

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After Divine Liturgy starting 8/30

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PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 30 PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Held After Divine Liturgy | Topic: Capital Campaign / Consultant

President James Maragos called the Special Meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Fr. George Dokos offered the opening prayer. The Parish Council reviewed the process undertaken to select a professional consultant for the proposed capital campaign. Thania Panopoulos was instrumental in developing the Request For Proposal (RFP). Seven professional consulting firms submitted proposals.

A committee led by Kristi Athas-Landorf and Joanne Volakakis reviewed the submissions and narrowed the candidates to three firms for interviews. Ultimately, Winkler Consulting Group was selected as the preferred consultant. Factors considered in the selection included Winkler's experience working with nonprofit organizations, including two Greek Orthodox churches.

Discussion

Members discussed whether to engage Winkler for Phases II and III of the capital campaign and requested an accounting of expenses incurred to date. Parishioners who participated in the assessment interviews provided positive feedback regarding Jennifer Morgan and their interview experience.

The Council discussed an email from Peter Bell outlining the significant amount of work and resources that would be required for the parish to conduct the capital campaign internally without professional consulting assistance.

The core fundraising group has not yet been identified. Winkler will assist with training the group.

The Council discussed the importance of continuity in consulting services and the importance of Jennifer Morgan continuing as the parish's consultant; the contract does not guarantee her availability after 9/30/2026.

Members acknowledged that some parishioners have questioned the need to retain a professional capital campaign consultant. The Council discussed the importance of clearly communicating both the value of professional guidance and the scope of work required to conduct a successful campaign.

The Council emphasized the need to clearly communicate the parish's capital needs, campaign goals, and individual capital projects to parishioners and the importance of a designated parish representative to serve as the primary point of contact with Winkler.

Winkler will be asked to provide guidance regarding the qualifications and characteristics that should be considered when selecting individuals to serve on the Steering Committee.

The Council also discussed the future selection of contractors and the possible use of a general contractor to assist with the coordination, progression, and management of the capital projects.

Motion

Peter Bell moved to proceed with engaging Winkler Consulting Group for Phases II and III of the capital campaign, subject to the preparation of a formal contract to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee, with the assistance of legal counsel. Nicole Ostendorf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Steps

The formal contract will provide for reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Winkler in connection with its services.

Winkler will be asked to advise the parish regarding the qualifications of individuals best suited to serve on the Steering Committee.

Winkler will be notified to proceed with drafting the contract for Phases II and III

Closing Prayer - Fr. George Dokos offered the closing prayer.

Adjournment - Val Vourlos moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. George Antonopoulos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President James Maragos adjourned the Special Meeting.

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PHILOPTOCHOS FALL COAT DRIVE ALL MONTH						
4 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm Chicago Bears Watch Party/Fall Fest	5	6 Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Feed the Hungry @ Annunciation GOC 4:30 pm Hellenic Academy 5:30 pm Hellenic Academy PTO Meeting 6:15 pm JOY 7:00 pm Philoptochos Brd Mtg	7 1:00 pm Church Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting	8 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Hellenic Academy 7:15 pm Discoveries in Orthodoxy	9	10 9:00 am Metropolis of Chicago Sunday Church School Director and Teacher Workshop 5:00 pm Vespers
11 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (No Sunday School) 11:30 am Fellowship Hour	12 Office Closed  COLUMBUS DAY	13 1:00 pm Caregivers Support Group 4:30 pm – 6:15 pm: Hellenic Academy / Ice Cream Social 7:00 pm GOYA Meeting	14 1:00 pm Church Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Hellenic Academy 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm YAL Bible Study (Offsite)	16 Feast Day of St. Longinus the Centurion 10:00 am TOTS @ Honeybee Gardens 6:00 pm Evening Divine Liturgy	17 11:00 am Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon 5:00 pm Vespers
18 Feast Day of St Luke the Evangelist 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 12:00 pm Parish Assembly	19	20 Feast Day of St. Gerasimos of Kephallonia 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Hellenic Academy 6:15 pm JOY	21 1:00 pm Bereavement Group Meeting 1:00 pm Church Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting	22 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Hellenic Academy 7:15 pm Discoveries in Orthodoxy	23 Feast Day of St Iakovos (James) Men's Camping Trip 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	24 Men's Camping Trip 10:00 am Philoptochos Blanket Making Day 11:00 am Baptism 5:00 pm Vespers
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BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER

Tyler, son of Andrew & Lauren Bogren

OCTOBER

George, son of Gus & Dana Coon
Sponsors: Lauren Dellaria and Bill Coon

Sienna, daughter of Nicholas & Raquel O'Meara
Sponsor: Alana Woolfolk

Luca, son of Tucker & Alana Woolfolk
Sponsor: Raquel O'Meara

WOMEN'S RETREAT ACTIVITY NOTE: After thoughtful consideration and due to unforeseen scheduling and administrative concerns, the Women's Retreat, "Finding Peace and Strength in a Chaotic World," will not take place as scheduled on November 14, 2026. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and support already shown. Once the necessary approvals, leadership, and planning details are in place, we hope to share future opportunities for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.